

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of August 6, 2004 is gratefully acknowledged

The specification has been amended as suggested by the examiner and to correct several other typographical errors.

In the matter of the inventorship in this application, the required statement is being prepared and will be filed in due course.

Claims 1 - 7 are pending. These have been examined and rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a).

In rejecting claim 1, the examiner applies Kinkead et al and Rogers. This rejection is respectfully traversed because neither Kinkead et al or Rogers teach producing holes which are uniform as to diameter and depth. This feature allows for improving the condition of the turf being treated so that it is smoother and more uniform having as a result a very pleasant appearance.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify this feature and to also note that application of the aggregate to the area which has been aerated and application of soil amendments to the same area is accomplished by a vehicle that dispenses the aggregate and soil amendments uniformly. Subsequent to this uniform application, the area is smoothed using a drag mat according to the invention. The net result, as noted, is an improved turf

The other rejections have also been noted. These too have been traversed because these claims depend from claim 1, which, as noted, define over the basic combination of Kinkead et al and Rogers

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In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and claims 1 - 7 found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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